

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ronnie R. Coates' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, CW5 Ronnie R. Coates distinguished himself as a leader by his exceptional meritorious military service to the United States during times of war and peace. Throughout his career, he excelled in all positions of leadership and responsibility and has devoted over 41 years of his life to the service of this state and country; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, CW5 Ronnie R. Coates continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend CW5 Ronnie R. Coates for more than 41 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

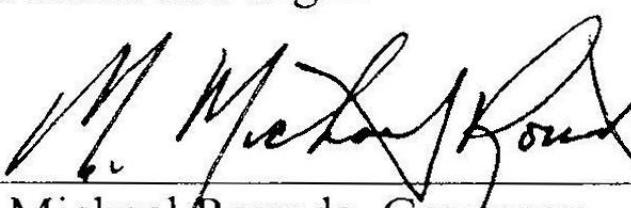
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State